Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing professional services, the method comprising the following performed by a data processing system:

accepting entry of information associated with a matter of a person, wherein the information is entered by the person via a client device in communication with the data processing system;

assigning the person to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information and one or more attributes of a professional services provider qualified to advise people in respective pools;

allowing [[a]] the professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information; and

providing a secure area within which the professional services provider provides information advising the person about the matter, wherein the secure area is accessible by the person via the client device.

2.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising allowing the person to access the secure area and view the information provided by the professional services provider.

3.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising notifying the person that the professional services provider has provided information about the matter within the secure area.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information is entered by the person in a predetermined, structured format.

5.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the following performed prior to accepting entry of information associated with a matter of a person:

identifying the person; and

verifying that the person is eligible to receive professional services.

6.   (Canceled).

7.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing healthcare services to patients, the method comprising the following performed by a data processing system:

accepting entry of information about a medical condition of a patient, wherein the information is entered by the patient via a client device in communication with the data processing system;

assigning the patient to one of a plurality of pools of patients based on the entered patient information and one or more attributes of a healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in respective pools;

allowing [[a]] the healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in the assigned pool to view the patient information; and

providing a secure area within which the healthcare provider provides a diagnosis, a and/or treatment recommendation, or a combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient, wherein the secure area is accessible by the patient via the client device.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising allowing the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the and/or treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising notifying the patient that the healthcare provider has provided [[a]] the diagnosis, the and/or treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient within the secure area.

10.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the information is entered by the patient in a predetermined, structured format.

11.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein a treatment recommendation provided by the healthcare provider includes a medication prescription, and further comprising communicating the medication prescription to a pharmacy for fulfillment.

12.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the following performed prior to accepting entry of information about a medical condition of a patient:
        identifying the patient; and
        verifying that the patient is eligible to receive healthcare services.

13.   (Canceled).

14.   **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 8, wherein allowing the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the and/or treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider comprises allowing the patient to select a specific medication prescription for treating the patient.

15.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system that facilitates the provision of professional services, comprising:

means for accepting entry of information associated with a matter of a person, wherein the information is entered <u>by the person</u> via a client device in communication with the data processing system;

means for assigning the person to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information <u>and one or more attributes of a professional services provider qualified to advise people in respective pools</u>;

means for allowing [[a]] <u>the</u> professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information; and

means for providing a secure area within which the professional services provider provides information <u>advising the person</u> about the matter, wherein the secure area is accessible by the person via the client device.

16.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 15, further comprising means for allowing the person to access the secure area and view the information provided by the professional services provider.

17.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 15, further comprising means for notifying the person that the professional services provider has provided information about the matter within the secure area.

18.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 15, wherein the is information is entered by the person in a predetermined, structured format.

19.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 15, further comprising:

means for identifying the person; and

means for verifying that the person is eligible to receive professional services.

20.   (Canceled).

21.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system that facilitates the provision of healthcare services to patients, comprising:

means for accepting entry of information about a medical condition of a patient, wherein the information is entered <u>by the patient</u> via a client device in communication with the data processing system;

means for assigning the patient to one of a plurality of pools of patients based on the entered patient information <u>and one or more attributes of a healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in respective pools</u>;

means for allowing [[a]] <u>the</u> healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in the assigned pool to view the patient information; and

means for providing a secure area within which the healthcare provider provides a diagnosis<u>, a</u> ~~and/or~~ treatment recommendation<u>, or a combination thereof,</u> for the medical is condition of the patient, wherein the secure area is accessible by the patient via the client device.

22.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system according to claim 21, further comprising means for allowing the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis<u>, the</u> ~~and/or~~ treatment recommendation<u>, or the combination thereof,</u> provided by the healthcare provider.

23.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system according to claim 21, further comprising means for notifying the patient that the healthcare provider has provided [[a]] <u>the</u> diagnosis<u>, the</u> ~~and/or~~ treatment recommendation<u>, or the combination thereof,</u> for the medical condition of the patient within the secure area.

24.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 21, wherein the information is entered by the patient in a predetermined, structured format.

25.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 21, wherein a treatment recommendation provided by the healthcare provider includes a medication prescription, and further comprising means for communicating the medication prescription to a pharmacy for fulfillment.

26.   (Original) The data processing system according to claim 21, further comprising:

means for identifying the patient; and

means for verifying that the patient is eligible to receive healthcare services.

27.   (Canceled).

28.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system according to claim 22, wherein the means for allowing the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the ~~and/or~~ treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider comprises means for allowing the patient to select a specific medication prescription for treating the patient.

29.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product that facilitates the provision of professional services, the computer program product comprising a computer usable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that accepts entry of information associated with a matter of a person, wherein the information is entered <u>by the person</u> via a client device in communication with the data processing system;

computer readable program code that assigns the person to one of a plurality of pools of people based on the entered information <u>and one or more attributes of a professional services provider qualified to advise people in respective pools</u>;

computer readable program code that allows [[a]] <u>the</u> professional services provider qualified to advise people in the assigned pool to view the entered information; and

computer readable program code that provides a secure area within which the professional services provider provides information <u>advising the person</u> about the matter, wherein the secure area is accessible by the person via the client device.

30.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, further comprising computer readable program code that allows the person to access the secure area and view the information provided by the professional services provider.

31.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, further comprising computer readable program code that notifies the person that the professional services provider has provided information about the matter within the secure area.

32.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, wherein the information is entered by the person in a predetermined, structured format.

33.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 29, further comprising:

computer readable program code that identifies the person; and

computer readable program code that verifies that the person is eligible to receive professional services.

34.   (Canceled).

35.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product that facilitates the provision of healthcare services to patients, the computer program product comprising a computer usable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that accepts entry of information about a medical condition of a patient, wherein the information is entered by the patient via a client device in communication with the data processing system;

computer readable program code that assigns the patient to one of a plurality of pools of patients based on the entered patient information and one or more attributes of a healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in respective pools;

computer readable program code that allows [[a]] the healthcare provider qualified to treat patients in the assigned pool to view the patient information; and

computer readable program code that provides a secure area within which the healthcare provider provides diagnosis, a and/or treatment recommendation, or a combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient, wherein the secure area is accessible by the patient via the client device.

36.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 35, further comprising computer readable program code that allows the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the and/or treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider.

37.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 35, further comprising computer readable program code that notifies the patient that the healthcare provider has provided [[a]] the diagnosis, the and/or treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, for the medical condition of the patient within the secure area.

38.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 35, wherein the information is entered by the patient in a predetermined, structured format.

39.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 35, wherein a treatment recommendation provided by the healthcare provider includes a medication prescription, and further comprising computer readable program code that communicates the medication prescription to a pharmacy for fulfillment.

40.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 35, further comprising:

computer readable program code that identifies the patient; and

computer readable program code that verifies that the patient is eligible to receive healthcare services.

41.   (Canceled).

42.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 36, wherein the computer readable program code that allows the patient to access the secure area and view the diagnosis, the and/or treatment recommendation, or the combination thereof, provided by the healthcare provider comprises computer readable program code that allows the patient to select a specific medication prescription for treating the patient.